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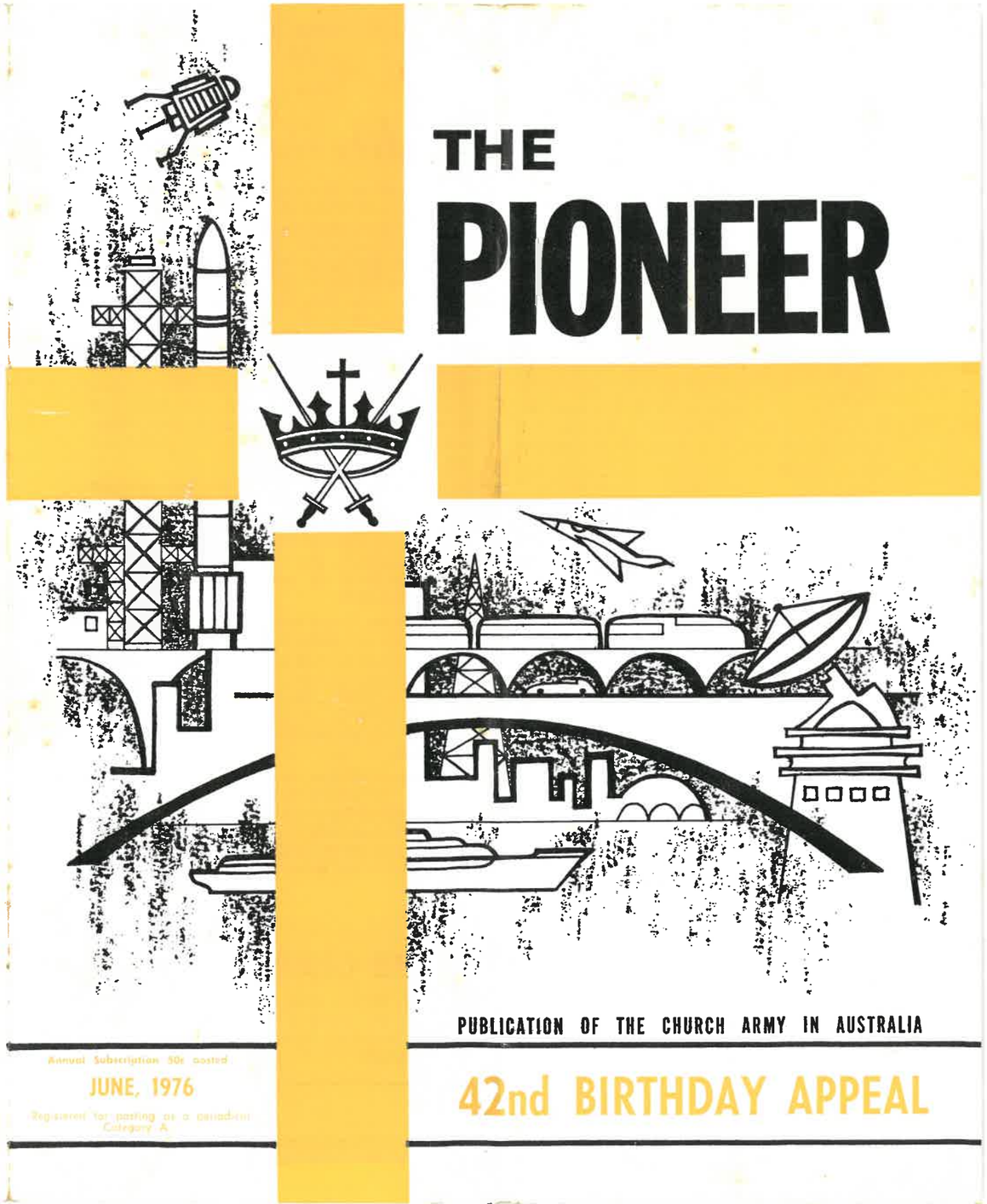

A CALENDAR FOR PRAYER

The following is a suggested Calendar for Prayer, for use over a period of 30 days:

Day 1 : The Executive Board of the Church Army (names on page 2), the four Standing Committees of the Board -- the bi-monthly meetings.

Day 2 : Captain and Mrs. K. J. Cullen, Anthony and Belinda, Parish of Forbes, N.S.W.

Day 3 : Warden of the Training College, the Rev. G. L. MacRobb, Mrs. MacRobb, Michael and Katrina.

Day 4 : Sister N. J. Bridges, Matron, Farr House Home for Girls, Springfield, S.A.

Day 5 : Students of the Training College : Lyn Bullard, Lyn Russell, Trevor Brooks, John Harding, Chris Thiele (for Australia), and Barbara Leatham, Wendy Woods, Will Just (for New Zealand).

Day 6 : Captain K. A. Donaldson, Parish of Scarborough, W.A.

Day 7 : Sister E. Campbell, Parish of Riverwood, N.S.W.

Day 8 : Captain and Mrs. R. G. Eland, Lance and Paul, Youth Work in Parish of Shellharbour, N.S.W.

Day 9 : Captain and Mrs. L. T. Fernance, Faith, Parish of Emmaville, N.S.W.

Day 10 : Captain R. L. Gwilt, Federal Secretary, Mrs. Gwilt, Stephen, Andrew and Timothy, Belrose, N.S.W.

Day 11 : Sister L. Dorrington, Parish of Mount Gambier, S.A.

Day 12 : Captain and Mrs. R. J. Harris, Glenda and Kerrie, Leave of absence.

Day 13 : Captain and Mrs. D. W. Hinchliffe, Parish of Blacktown, N.S.W.

Day 14 : Sister P. A. Free, Staff Sister, Belrose, N.S.W.

Day 15 : Captain and Mrs. J. W. Joy, Parish of Kingsford, N.S.W.

Day 16 : Captain and Mrs. R. C. King, Ronwyn and Howard, Parish of Randwick, N.S.W.

Day 17 : Captain and Mrs. A. Malcolm, Andrew and Ruth, Yarrabah Aboriginal Settlement, Nth. Qld.

Day 18 : Sister F. M. Herman, Parish of Wallamba, N.S.W. Please pray for the youth of the area; for many people in the Parish who have shown interest in seeking a faith in God.

Day 19 : Captain and Mrs. B. Mattinson, Andrew, Christopher, Warwick and Stuart, Parish of Campbelltown, N.S.W.

Day 20 : Captain J. A. McKnight, "Alternative Culture" groups evangelism, Binna Burra, N.S.W.

Day 21 : Sister J. Leslie, Youth Director, Parish of Belmont, N.S.W.

Day 22 : Captain N. A. Payne, Manager, the Church Army Bookshops, Newcastle and Grafton, N.S.W., Mrs. Payne, Andrea, Mark and Elizabeth.

Day 23 : Captain A. Polgen.

Day 24 : The Rev. Captain N. Polgen, St. George's Homes, Rockhampton, Qld.

Day 25 : Sister J. Midwinter, Parish of Penrith, N.S.W.

Day 26 : Captain D. O. Quayle, Industrial Evangelism, in 4 factories in Sydney, N.S.W.

Day 27 : Captain and Mrs. M. Tobin, Julie, Deborah and Christine, Parish of South Hedland, W.A.

Day 28 : Captain and Mrs. R. G. Wallis, Mark, Student Counsellor, Capricornian Institute of Advanced Education, Rockhampton, Qld.

Day 29 : Sister B. J. Rilatt, Leave of absence.

Day 30 : Retired officers and wives : the Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Batley, Mrs. C. Fisk, Sister G. A. Philipot, Sister M. Pritchard, Mrs. J. S. Cowland, Sister I. B. Johnson, Sister E. N. Bacon.

INTERNATIONAL LEADERS' CONFERENCE IN ENGLAND

This was the first ever Conference of Church Army leaders from eight countries. The Societies represented were England, Belize, Canada, Eastern Africa, Jamaica, New Zealand, the U.S.A. and, of course, Australia.

At the Conference, left to right — Captain Paddock, Captain Gwilt, Captain Taylor, Sister Thompson, Captain Cousins, Bishop Nzano, Captain Dewdney, the Rev. M. Turnbull.

We gathered at the Conference Centre in Folkestone on the afternoon of Monday, 16th February and the rest of that day was a getting-to-know-you time with a prayer meeting and Holy Communion Service in the evening. From then until the following Saturday morning we were hard at it with sessions every morning, afternoon and night. Gradually the different personalities of the group emerged and became interwoven in the serious business of discussing the wide-ranging agenda. This included—the place, purpose and function of Church Army; the Office of Evangelist; Relationship of Church Army to the ordained ministry, and to new concepts of ministry; Recruitment and training of Officers; Organisation, leadership, management, communication and finance; Place of Social Care in Evangelism. Such an agenda provided ample scope for discussion and exchange of views.

It was a thrilling experience to enjoy fellowship in discussion, worship and meals with people who had previously been only names. **Captain Taylor,** the Canadian leader, is an enthusiastic evangelist and a jovial person with a great sense of fun. His infectious laugh was heard constantly and I believe he added quite a few jokes and stories to his special "fun" book that appeared every now and then from an inner pocket! The African leader, **Bishop Crispus Nzano,** endeared himself to all with his quiet spiritual strength. **Captain Paddock** from the U.S.A., is a big man in more ways than just his large frame and height of 6 feet 5 inches. **Sister Norma Thompson** is a Jamaican, who leads the Church Army work in Belize with great zeal and courage in the face of tremendous difficulties. **Captain Cousins** from the West Indies and **Captain Dewdney** from New Zealand added their special contribution and had much to share from their wide experience as evangelists and leaders. A number of English Officers also joined us for some sessions on different days.

It was a particular pleasure to meet the new English Chief Secretary, **the Rev. Michael Turnbull.** He is a man with a vital concern for people, a keen social conscience and deep spiritual insight. His Bible studies on Abraham, Moses, David and Daniel as evangelists were full of spiritual depth and human understanding.

The Chairmanship of the Conference was shared by Prebendary Donald Lynch and Bishop Stanley Betts (Chairman of the English Church Army Board). It was fortunate that Prebendary Lynch, who has recently retired as Chief Secretary, could share in leading the Conference.

WHAT WAS THE OUTCOME ? This will be determined as the many suggestions and ideas are acted upon by the various Societies. The Conference leaders sent a message to all the Officers of the world-wide Church Army and you may find this of special interest :—

"1. We are glad to associate Church Army throughout the world with the recent affirmation of the Archbishop of Canterbury :

God reigns, God loves, God cares.

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AN ENABLING MINISTRY

On the wall of the Training College lecture room is a poster that reads :

"Give me a fish and I eat for a day.
Teach me to fish and I eat for a life-time."

Most of us are familiar with this verse and its normal application to the provision of help for the starving people of the world. However, many people in the Church today, including those of us in the Church Army, see that it has an equally important application to the ministry and mission of the Church of God.

This, of course, is no new thought. When the objectives of the Church Army in Australia were first formulated the founders expressed the purpose of our work as

"Winning souls for Christ by proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ by word and deed through various activities of direct evangelism and Christian service in areas of human need."

But with this was spelt out also the other complementary reason for the society's existence.

"To win souls for Christ by providing Church Army Evangelists to assist the Bishops and Clergy in developing the evangelising powers of the Laity."

Over the years, those people responsible for training our Officers have given an increasing emphasis to this aspect of our ministry. The men and women being commissioned are encouraged to see themselves not just as "the ones who do the evangelism" but as the ones who make sure that the Church is evangelistic. Motivation and enabling the laity in mission works hand in hand with direct evangelistic ministry.

THE ROLE OF THE TRAINING COLLEGE

Our College at Belrose, New South Wales, is the place where Officers are trained, but it is being seen more and more as a place that can also be effectively used as a centre for training and equipping the Laity for a wider role in the life of the Church.

The Rev. Graeme MacRobb discusses resource material with Mrs. Diana Hinchliffe (left), and Sister Josie Midwinter.

Some of the group at worship at the end of a training day.

TRAINING DAYS

A first step in fulfilling this vision has been in the introduction of regular training days at the College, for lay people involved in both youth ministry and religious education. In a full day of participation training, new approaches have been demonstrated, new resources experimented with, and new skills in communication gained.

We are hoping to hold one such day a month. Six different parishes will be approached each month and asked to nominate two or three lay people to attend each training day. College students have been sharing in these programmes as part of their course, and several of them have since initiated similar activities in the parishes where they

NEWS and NOTES

TWO NEW BABIES

BELINDA CULLEN : was born on the 18th February, just too late to make the news in the last "Pioneer". She is the baby daughter of Captain and Mrs. Kevin Cullen, who work in the Parish of Forbes, N.S.W., and sister to Anthony.

Mrs. Lyn Cullen with Belinda.

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CHRISTINE TOBIN : was born on the 26th March, to Captain and Mrs. Mike Tobin, who have 2 other daughters, Julie and Deborah. This family have recently gone to live and work in South Hedland, North-West Australia.

Mrs. Irene Tobin with Christine.

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WEDDING BELLS : On the 29th May, Peter Gwilt, eldest son of the Federal Secretary, married Miss June Hay in St. John's Church, Canberra. They are leaving for England in early July, to live and work there for three years.

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RIVERWOOD MISSION : Practical experience is an important part of training to be an evangelist, and during April the Students from the College joined the Federal Secretary (Captain Gwilt) and the Warden of the College (the Rev. G. MacRobb) for an evangelistic mission in the Parish of Riverwood, in Sydney. The programme included 19 home meetings, visits to schools, special services, men's, women's and youth meetings, and a children's mission after school each day. An enjoyable part of the week was the fellowship experienced through working as a team, and in this they were joined by an Officer who is on the Staff of that Parish — Sister Campbell. The whole team and the Rector (the Rev. J. Lance) were greatly encouraged by people who made commitments of their lives for the first time, and others who were stirred to re-dedicate themselves afresh.

Lyn Russell (left), Trevor Brooks (centre) and Captain Gwilt encourage interest in the variety of books and other literature available during the Mission at Riverwood.

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CHURCH ARMY TAKES TO THE AIR : Captain Kevin Cullen, Parish Evangelist at Forbes, N.S.W., has been learning to fly and believes that God wants him to use this skill in his work. He recently did the practical test and theory exams for a restricted pilot's licence. He hopes to be endorsed, soon, on a faster and larger aircraft, and then begin navigation and cross-country flights in order to gain his unrestricted licence.

Another Officer is also learning to fly — more about him another time.

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STAMP SALES : Small or large quantities of used stamps are still very welcome at Federal Office (address on page 2), and "thanks" to those who have sent them in the past, especially where the stamps just arrive without a name attached.

We have a good outlet for sales of stamps and recently received $276.00.

However, we have one other need—**some-one to trim and sort stamps.** We are wondering whether there is some-one in the Sydney area who could take on this task for us.

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A QUOTABLE QUOTE FROM ONE OFFICER: ". . . our pre-occupation is not with the difficulty of the task, but with the greatness of the Lord to achieve His purpose here . . ."